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Monday, January 09, 2006 4:38 PM

To:

Nelson, Robert P.

Subject:

"Let Them Rest in Peace Act"

Importance: High

BOB ... HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU !!

WHO DOES DRAFTING FOR THIS ISSUE ??? Bob sons Marlene will call to let

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THANKS MARLENE

From: Bob Gutsche [mailto:gutsche@mwt.net] Sent: Monday, December 26, 2005 9:40 AM To: Rep.Musser; se.brown@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: PRINTED FW: "Let Them Rest in Peace Act"

Importance: High

Ok are we going to fall behind Illinois? Lets get this passed in Wisconsin.

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Please advise of your stance

Bob Gutsche 31506 Fremont Ave Tomah

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From: SamnSandy [mailto:s.veer@verizon.net] Sent: Friday, December 23, 2005 10:46 PM

To: Undisclosed Recipient

Subject: "Let Them Rest in Peace Act"

STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PAT QUINN (D)

For Immediate Release

Sunday, December 4, 2005 Contact: Eric Schuller: c. 815-341-9564 New legislation to limit vile, disruptive, and inflammatory protests at funerals

CHICAGO -Today, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn introduced the "Let Them Rest in Peace"

Act" - legislation to limit vile,

disruptive, and inflammatory protests within 300 feet of all Illinois funeral services. The "Let Them Rest in Peace Act" is a response to a series of demonstrations at

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funeral services for Illinois military personnel.

"No grieving military family should be subjected to vile epithets and signs at the funeral service of their loved

one who has made the ultimate sacrifice for our country," Quinn said. "This legislation strikes an important balance

between the First Amendment religious rights of families to bury their dead with reverence and the expression rights

of those seeking to picket a funeral service."

The "Let Them Rest in Peace Act" applies to all funerals and memorial services in Illinois. The legislation

creates a 300-foot buffer zone between protestors and the site of funeral services. Disruptive and inflammatory

protest would be prohibited 30 minutes before a funeral, during a funeral, and 30 minutes after the funeral within the

300-foot buffer zone.

Quinn was joined by Illinois Gold Star families including Dave and Ann Larson of Wheaton, John Collins of

Crystal Lake, John and Angela Giannopoulos of Inverness, and Jesse Alcozer of Villa Park. All four families have

lost a son in service to our country.

Lance Cpl. Nicholas D. Larson, died on November 9, 2004 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to

the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment stationed in Camp Pendleton, California. He was 19 years old.

Lance Cpl. Jonathan W. Collins, died on August 8, 2004 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the

2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment stationed in Camp Pendleton, California. He was 19 years old.

CPL Peter Giannopoulos died November 11, 2004 in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd

Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment stationed in Waukegan, Illinois. He was 22 years old. Army Pvt. Christopher M. Alcozer died two weeks ago on November 19 in Mosul, Iraq. He was assigned to

the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He was 21 years old. -30-

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January 5, 2006

Ms. Amy Kasper Chief Legal Counsel Office of the Governor State Capitol 115 East Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Re: Protests/Demonstrations at Servicemembers' Funerals

Dear Ms. Kasper:

The senior leadership of the Wisconsin National Guard seeks to insulate family members, and maintain dignity at funerals, of fallen servicemembers from protests and demonstrations by Fred W. Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church. Phelps and the members of Westboro spread their hate message by displaying signs at these funerals which states "Thank God of IEDs," "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," and "Too Late for Prayer." Further, Phelps and the Westboro members shout insults at grieving family members and funeral attendees.

As a result of such outrageous conduct, the Wisconsin National Guard sought the assistance of the Attorney General's Office. On November 23, 2005 the Attorney General's Office began notifying district attorneys, corporation counsel, and local law enforcement from those communities likely to be the target of Phelps and Westboro's protests and demonstrations.

The Attorney General recognized that some forms of speech are protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Nevertheless, courts recognize enumerated exceptions to free speech such as fighting words, speech that incites imminent lawless action, obscenity, slander, and true threats. *Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire*, 315 U.S. 568 (1942); *State v. Zwicker*, 41 Wis. 2d 497, 164 N.W.2d 512 (1969); *State v. Douglas D.*, 243 Wis. 2d 204, 626 N.W.2d 725 (2001).

The Attorney General relies on Wis. Stat. § 947.01, a Class B misdemeanor disorderly conduct statute, to prosecute Phelps and Westboro for any actions deemed a violation. The enforcement of Wis. Stat. § 947.01 is, in any given situation, a fact intensive inquiry.

Currently, the Attorney General's Office and the Wisconsin National Guard are monitoring funerals involving all fallen servicemebers in the State of Wisconsin and which may be the target of any demonstrations and protests.

¹ "IED" is an acronym for an "Improvised Explosive Devise" frequently used by terrorists against the United States military in Iraq.

Several states are sponsoring legislative initiatives, and some states may have already passed legislation, which elevates protests and demonstrations at servicemembers' funerals to a felony offense. At least one state statute was deemed unconstitutional by the courts. Wisconsin does not currently maintain any such a legislative initiative.

Family members of any fallen servicemember maintain the right to grieve their loss free of exposure from the maliciousness and hate messages presented by Phelps and Westboro. The insulation of these family members during the solemn reverence of a funeral remains a paramount concern to the senior leadership of the Wisconsin National Guard. Please be assured that this organization will do all which is allowed under the law to protect the families whose sons and daughters have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the issues presented, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

JULIO R. BARRON, Lt Col, WI ANG Staff Judge Advocate

c: Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton

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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB4532

Introduced 1/11/2006, by Rep. Brandon W. Phelps - Donald L. Moffitt - John A. Fritchey - Linda Chapa LaVia - Harry R. Ramey, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/26-1

from Ch. 38, par. 26-1

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961 relating to disorderly conduct. Provides that engaging in any loud protests of singing, chanting, whistling, or yelling with or without noise amplification, displaying any visual images that convey fighting words or actual or veiled threats against any other person, engaging in a directed protest march or picket at any public location when any of these activities are conducted within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for a funeral or memorial service, or blocking access to such facility at any time during the period starting 30 minutes before any funeral or memorial service is scheduled to begin and ending 30 minutes after the funeral or memorial service terminates is disorderly conduct in which the penalty is a Class C misdemeanor. Provides that the provisions of the Act are severable. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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         Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
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     represented in the General Assembly:
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         Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing
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     Section 26-1 as follows:
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          (720 ILCS 5/26-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 26-1)
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         Sec. 26-1. Elements of the Offense.
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          (a) A person commits disorderly conduct when he or she
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      knowingly:
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              (1) Does any act in such unreasonable manner as to
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         alarm or disturb another and to provoke a breach of the
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         peace; or
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              (2) Transmits or causes to be transmitted in any manner
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         to the fire department of any city, town, village or fire
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         protection district a false alarm of fire, knowing at the
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         time of such transmission that there is no reasonable
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         ground for believing that such fire exists; or
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         to another a false alarm to the effect that a bomb or other
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         explosive of any nature or a container holding poison gas,
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         a deadly biological or chemical contaminant, or
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         radioactive substance is concealed in such place that its
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         explosion or release would endanger human life, knowing at
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         the time of such transmission that there is no reasonable
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         to any peace officer, public officer or public employee a
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         of such transmission that there is no reasonable ground for
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4 (5) Enters upon the property of another and for a lewd 5 or unlawful purpose deliberately looks into a dwelling on 6 the property through any window or other opening in it; or 7 (6) While acting as a collection agency as defined in 8 the "Collection Agency Act" or as an employee of such 9 collection agency, and while attempting to collect an 10 alleged debt, makes a telephone call to the alleged debtor 11 which is designed to harass, annoy or intimidate the 12 alleged debtor; or 13 (7) Transmits or causes to be transmitted a false 14 report to the Department of Children and Family Services 15 under Section 4 of the "Abused and Neglected Child 16 Reporting Act"; or 17 (8) Transmits or causes to be transmitted a false 18 report to the Department of Public Health under the Nursing 19 Home Care Act; or 20 (9) Transmits or causes to be transmitted in any manner 21 to the police department or fire department of any 22 municipality or fire protection district, or any privately 23 owned and operated ambulance service, a false request for 24 an ambulance, emergency medical technician-ambulance or 25 emergency medical technician-paramedic knowing at the time 26 there is no reasonable ground for believing that such 27 assistance is required; or 28 (10) Transmits or causes to be transmitted a false 29 report under Article II of "An Act in relation to victims 30 of violence and abuse", approved September 16, 1984, as 31 amended; or 32 (11) Transmits or causes to be transmitted a false 33 report to any public safety agency without the reasonable 34 grounds necessary to believe that transmitting such a 35 report is necessary for the safety and welfare of the 36

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public; or

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1 (12) Calls the number "911" for the purpose of making 2 or transmitting a false alarm or complaint and reporting 3 information when, at the time the call or transmission is 4

made, the person knows there is no reasonable ground for 5 making the call or transmission and further knows that the 6 call or transmission could result in the emergency response 7 of any public safety agency; or -8 (13) Engages in any loud protests of singing, chanting, 9 whistling, or yelling with or without noise amplification 10 including, but not limited to, bullhorns, auto horns, and 11 microphones within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility 12 being used for a funeral or memorial service at any time 13 during the period starting 30 minutes before any funeral or 14 memorial service is scheduled to begin and ending 30 15 minutes after the funeral or memorial service terminates; 16 or 17 (14) Displays any visual images that convey fighting 18 words or actual or veiled threats against any other person 19 within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used 20 for a funeral or memorial service at any time during the 21 period starting 30 minutes before any funeral or memorial 22 service is scheduled to begin and ending 30 minutes after 23 the funeral or memorial service terminates; or 24 (15) Blocks access to any facility being used for a 25 funeral or memorial service at any time during the period 26 starting 30 minutes before any funeral or memorial service 27 is scheduled to begin and ending 30 minutes after the 28 funeral or memorial service terminates; or 29 (16) Engages in a directed protest march or picket at 30 any public location within 300 feet of any entrance to a 31 facility being used for a funeral or memorial service at 32 any time during the period starting 30 minutes before any 33 funeral or memorial service is scheduled to begin and 34 ending 30 minutes after the funeral or memorial service 35 terminates. 36 (b) Sentence. A violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(13),

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1 (a)(14), (a)(15), or (a)(16) of this Section is a Class C
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3 (a)(12) of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor. A violation
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of subsection (a)(8) or (a)(10) of this Section is a Class B
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      misdemeanor. A violation of subsection (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(7),
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      or (a)(9) of this Section is a Class 4 felony. A violation of
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      subsection (a)(3) of this Section is a Class 3 felony, for
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      which a fine of not less than $3,000 and no more than $10,000
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      shall be assessed in addition to any other penalty imposed.
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      Business Offense and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed
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      $3,000. A second or subsequent violation of subsection (a)(7),
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      (a)(11), or (a)(12) of this Section is a Class 4 felony. A
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      third or subsequent violation of subsection (a)(5) of this
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      Section is a Class 4 felony.
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          (c) In addition to any other sentence that may be imposed,
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      a court shall order any person convicted of disorderly conduct
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      to perform community service for not less than 30 and not more
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     than 120 hours, if community service is available in the
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      jurisdiction and is funded and approved by the county board of
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      the county where the offense was committed. In addition,
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     whenever any person is placed on supervision for an alleged
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     offense under this Section, the supervision shall be
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     conditioned upon the performance of the community service.
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          This subsection does not apply when the court imposes a
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     sentence of incarceration.
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      (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-502, eff. 12-19-01;
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     93-431, eff. 8-5-03.)
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         Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
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     severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.
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         Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
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     becoming law.
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Dsida, Michael

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, January 17, 2006 11:00 AM

To:

Reineking, Marlene

Subject:

Disorderly conduct at funerals

Besides the issues that I mentioned in the voicemail message that I left for you (regarding Lt. Col. Barron's proposals), I also wanted to let you know about a constitutional problem presented by the Illinois bill. One of the provisions in the Illinois bill prohibits engaging "in a directed protest march or picket at any public location within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for a funeral or memorial service" within the specified time period. Although I am not entirely sure what a "directed protest march" is, this provision would probably prohibit a person from picketing at a government building close to a place of worship where a funeral or memorial service is occurring -- regardless of whether the person knew about the service and regardless of the subject of the protest. (Note that the bill does not require that the protest have any connection to the funeral or memorial service in order to be prohibited.) This would probably violate the First Amendment.

Mike Dsida Legislative Reference Bureau 608/266-9867 michael.dsida@legis.state.wi.us



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AN ACT ...; relating to: disorderly conduct at a funeral or memorial service and providing a penalty.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits disorderly conduct. Disorderly conduct is defined as engaging in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance. Disorderly conduct is a Class B misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 90 days or both.

Under this bill, doing any of the following in connection with a funeral or memorial service during the period starting 30 minutes before the service is scheduled to begin and ending 30 minutes after the service ends constitutes disorderly conduct: 1) engaging in a loud protest, with or without using an electric sound amplification device, involving singing, chanting, whistling, yelling, or honking a motor vehicle horn within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service if the protest is intended to disrupt the service; 2) displaying any visual image that conveys fighting words or actual or veiled threats against any other person within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service; and 3) intentionally blocking access to a facility being used for the service.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1	SECTION 1. 947.01 of the statutes is renumbered 947.01 (intro.) and amended
2	to read: (intro.)
3	947.01 Disorderly conduct. Whoever, in a public or private place, engages
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service ends is a violation of this section:

947.01 (1) Engaging in a loud protest, with or without using an electric sound amplification device, that involves singing, chanting, whistling, yelling, or honking a motor vehicle horn within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service if the protest is intended to disrupt the service.

SECTION 3. 947.01 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

947.01 (2) Displaying any visual image that conveys fighting words or actual or veiled threats against any other person within 300 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service.

SECTION 4. 947.01 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

947.01 (3) Intentionally blocking access to a facility being used for the service.

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AN ACT to renumber and amend 947.01; and to create 947.01 (1), 947.01 (2)

and 947.01 (3) of the statutes; relating to: disorderly conduct at a funeral or

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SECTION 2. 947.01 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

amplification device, that involves singing, chanting, whistling, yelling, or honking a motor vehicle horn within 800 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service if the protest is intended to disrupt the service.

SECTION 3. 947.01 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

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AN ACT to renumber 947.01; and to create 947.01 (2) of the statutes; relating

to: disrupting a funeral or memorial service or a funeral procession and providing penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits disorderly conduct, which is defined as engaging in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance. A person who commits disorderly conduct is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for up to 90 days or both.

Under this bill, no person may do any of the following during a funeral or memorial service (including a wake), during the 60 minutes immediately preceding a funeral or memorial service that has a scheduled starting time, or during the 60 minutes immediately following a funeral or memorial service: 1) engage in a loud protest that involves singing, chanting, whistling, yelling, or honking a motor vehicle horn within 500 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service (including a cemetery) if the protest is intended to disrupt the service; 2) display any visual image that conveys fighting words or actual or veiled threats against any other person within 500 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service; or 3) intentionally block access to a facility being used for the service. In addition, under the bill, no person, with the intent to disrupt a funeral procession, may impede vehicles that he or she knows are part of the procession. In general, a person who

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violates either of these prohibitions is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for up to nine months or both. But if a person violates one of these prohibitions after having been convicted of a prior violation of either of them, the person is guilty of a Class I felony and may be fined up to \$10,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of up to three and one—half years (which, if the sentence is for more than one year, consists of a term of confinement in prison followed by a term of extended supervision) or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 947.01 of the statutes is renumbered 947.01 (1).

Section 2. 947.01 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

947.01 **(2)** (a) In this subsection:

- 1. "Facility" includes a cemetery in which a funeral or memorial service takes place.
- 2. "Funeral or memorial service" includes a wake but does not include a service that is not intended to honor or commemorate one or more specific decedents.
- (b) No person may do any of the following during a funeral or memorial service, during the 60 minutes immediately preceding a funeral or memorial service that has a scheduled starting time, or during the 60 minutes immediately following a funeral or memorial service:
- 1. Engage in a loud protest, with or without using an electric sound amplification device, that involves singing, chanting, whistling, yelling, or honking a motor vehicle horn within 500 feet of any entrance to a facility being used for the service if the protest is intended to disrupt the service.

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1	2. Display any visual image that conveys fighting words or actual or veiled
2	threats against any other person within 500 feet of any entrance to a facility being
3	used for the service.
4	3. Intentionally block access to a facility being used for the service.
5	(c) No person, with the intent to disrupt a funeral procession, may impede
6	vehicles that he or she knows are part of the procession.
7	(d) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., any person who violates this subsection
8	is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
9	2. Any person who violates par. (b) after having been convicted of a violation
10	of this subsection is guilty of a Class I felony.

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